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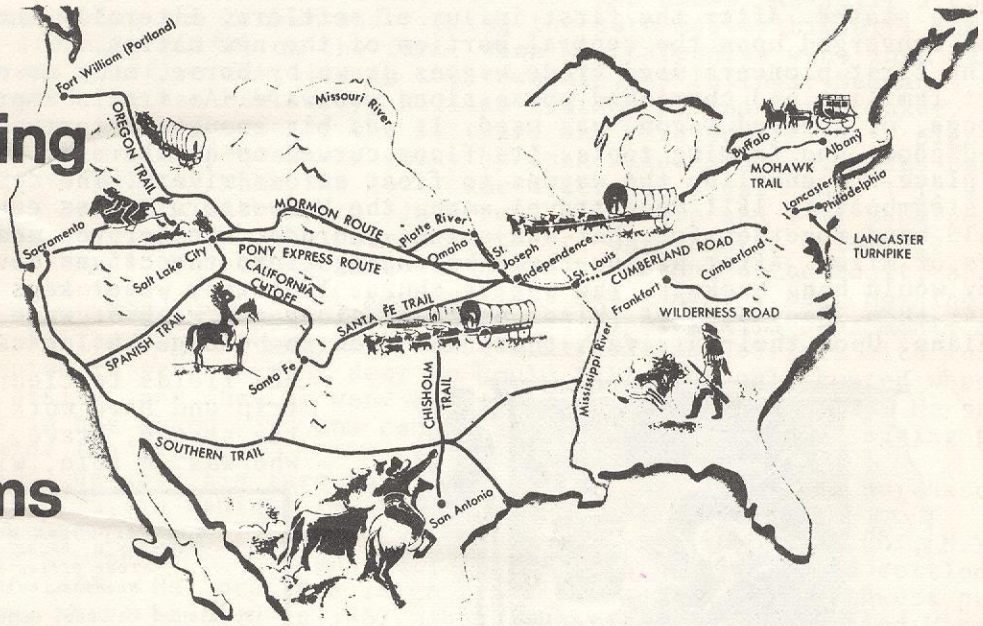
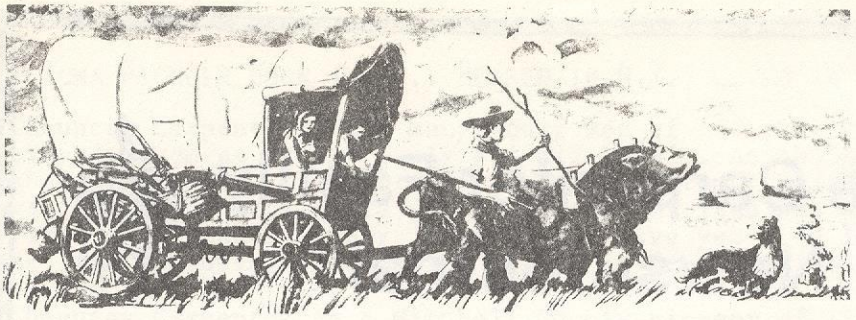
## Staking New Claims




THE MIGRATION ROUTES--Thousands of people traveled less than a dozen migration routes as this country opened up for settlement. The cross-country trek by foot, horseback or covered wagon was an arduous one filled with hardship. Any settler who reached the Midwestern states by the mid 1800's would have had a rough trip and would be considered a pioneer. This issue is the first of two being devoted to early Carpenter family settlers in the Midwest; this is primarily a data-oriented issue, whereas the upcoming December issue will feature stories about some of these pioneering Carpenter families. A later issue will focus upon Carpenter family members who headed even further west. A brief background on the migration to the Midwest, plus illustrations of the mode of travel used by our ancestors, is found on the following page.



# Westward by Foot, Ox Cart or Covered Wagon

Early travel over mountains separating the Atlantic coastal states of New England and the South from the flat farmland to the west was anything but easy. Mountain trails were rough and steep. Often, our ancestors had to cut through dense undergrowth. When they reached water, they had to swim, wade across, or build a raft. Night and day they were on guard against hostile Indians.

Adventuresome settlers had pushed inland from the coast prior to the Revolution, but it was not till after the war that they crossed the foreboding mountain ranges in great numbers to settle on the fertile land of Ohio and neighboring states. After the first influx of settlers, literally thousands of families converged upon the central portion of the new nation.

The first pioneers used crude wagons drawn by horse, mule or oxen to transport families and cherished possessions westward. As trails improved, the Conestoga, or covered wagon, was used. It was big enough to carry a family, household goods and farming tools. Its floor curved up at the ends, keeping contents in place and enabling the wagons to float across rivers. The coming of the river steamboat in 1811 made travel among the Midwestern states easier. Families would band together for what was a long journey, whether you measured it by days or miles. After piling their belongings into the canvas-covered wagons, they would hang buckets, the butter churn, lanterns, water kegs and tools on or under them. Many died of thirst or fever along the way, or were killed by Indians. Upon their arrival, there was much to be done--a log cabin to erect, and fields to clear and till. The trip and hard work were only for the strong, brave, hearty person who was an able, willing worker.

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Focal point in pioneer homes was the fireplace. Log cabins were hewn from felled trees which were trimmed, notched at the ends & fitted together. Wood wedges filled uneven spaces; cracks were daubed with a mixture of mud, grass & clay. Roofs were often made with poles covered by clapboards shaped with an ax. When a new settler arrived, pioneers from many miles would take a day off their own work to help the new family erect a log cabin.

# Benjamin Carpenter Hunted Meat for Settlers

(From 1888 "Historical & Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan")

Benjamin Carpenter was born near where the city of Elmira, N.Y. now stands, June 1, 1807. He lived there until 1810, when his parents moved to Shelby, Orleans Co. (N.Y.). His father, James Carpenter, purchased a farm in Shelby, and Benjamin lived there until the fall of 1832, when he came to Michigan and settled on section 2 in Fairfield. This is the farm now owned (1888) and occupied by Rufus Baker, and was the second farm located in the township, being taken up in 1829 by Abram Carpenter, a brother of Benjamin. In September, 1832, Benjamin moved on this land, having purchased it of his brother, and after building a log house he moved his family, consisting of his wife and 3 children, and lived there 21 years.

This was heavy timbered land, and Mr. Carpenter cleared and subdued 120 acres, and fenced it into ten acre lots, with his own hands. He built a good house and barn, hewing the timber and framing the barn mostly himself. The barn is still standing (1888) on the farm. When Mr. Carpenter went into Fairfield, there were but five families in the township, as follows: Newman Terry, John Arnold, Nathan Weatherby, William Weatherby, and Orrin Baker. In June, 1833, a bear visited some of the settlers and carried off their pigs, and one evening as Mr. Carpenter was going by John Baker's house, Moses Baker asked him what he would do when the bear came after his pigs. "Why, I'll kill him, of course," said Mr. Carpenter. "Just send him there and I'll show you." That very night, sure enough, the bear came to Mr. Carpenter's after his pigs, captured a small one and carried it into a swamp and devoured it, and came back after another, when Mr. Carpenter shot him, and the next morning, Sunday, he was prepared to supply all who came to meeting with bear meat. Mr. Carpenter also killed a great many deer and furnished the settlers with meat. He never attempted to see how many deer he could kill, but only hunted when meat was a necessity, and when he went after a deer he seldom failed. He once set four traps in his sheep yard and caught a wolf, the old fellow having got into every one of the traps.

In March, 1853, he sold his farm to Alfred Bailey, and in May he purchased a farm on section 22, in Madison (Mich.), where he now resides.

Benjamin Carpenter's father, James Carpenter, was born in Orange Co., N.Y., in 1785. He was a pioneer of Orleans Co., and came to Michigan, and settled in Fairfield in 1833. He located a large tract of land in the southwest part of the township, where he died in 1857. About the year 1806 he married Miss Catharine Striker, who was born in New Jersey in 1785, by whom he had 8 children, Benjamin being the oldest. Mrs. Carpenter died in 1873.

January 13, 1828, Benjamin Carpenter was married to Miss Eliza M. Wilcox, daughter of Silas and Cynthia (Taft) Wilcox, of Shelby, Orleans Co., N.Y., by whom he has had 13 children, as follows: James B., born in Shelby, Feb. 19, 1829, a soldier in the war of the rebellion, member of Co.B., 4th Mich. Cavalry, and participated in the capture of Jeff. Davis; Mary J., born in the same place, Oct. 24, 1830, now (1888) the wife of William H. Smith of Gratiot Co., Mich.; Silas B., born in the same place, July 1, 1832, also a soldier in the rebellion, member of the 11th Mich. Cavalry, died June 26, 1875; Abram S., born in Fairfield, this county, July 13, 1835; Lucretia M., born in same place, Sept. 19, 1837, now (1888) the wife of Henry Regless, of Fairfield; Thomas J., born in the same place, Dec. 19, 1839, was in the rebellion, member of the 4th Mich. Infantry, and died at Huntsville, Ala., in March, 1875; Jerome B., born in same place, Sept. 11, 1849, was in the rebellion, member of the 9th Mich. Cavalry; Charles A., born same place, Jan. 14, 1845, was in the rebellion, member of 11th Mich Cavalry; William H., born same place, Sept. 14, 1847, died in his 8th year; Allen B., born in same place, Feb. 22, 1850; George J., born in same place, March 18, 1853; Lucy A., born in Madison (Mich.), Aug. 30, 1855, now (1888) the wife of Edward Donaldson of Madison; Emma A., born in Madison, Sept. 19, 1858. (Item cont'd, bottom of next page)

# Carpenters in 1880 Kansas Mortality Schedule

(Following list of Carpenters from the 1880 Kansas Mortality Schedule is from reader Mrs. A.E. Carpenter of Topeka,Ks. Such schedules are an oft-overlooked source of data. This one lists all deaths from June 1, 1879 to May 31, 1880.)

ORDER OF LISTINGS--Data in this sequence: Co. & Twp. of residence, first name (underlined) of Carpenter; age, sex & marital status; month & cause of death; length of Co. residence; state of birth of Person, their father & mother.

Allen Co.,Geneva Twp.,James,55,M,M,Jan.,Dropsy,23yr.,Pa.,Conn.,Pa.
Butler Co.,Eldorado Twp.,Kate L.,16,F,S,Typhoid fever, Nov.,9yr.,Ky.,Ky.,Ky.
Chautauqua Co.,Sudan Twp.,Byron,½,M,S,Apr.,Whooping Cough,--,Kan.,N.Y.,Wisc.
Cherokee Co.,Lowell Twp.,Charles,6,M,S,July,Scarlet Fever,2yr,Kan.,Ill.,Ill.*
Cloud Co.,Grant Twp.,Mahala,37,F,M,Aug,joint disease,4yr.,N.Y.,N.Y.,Scotland
Cowley Co.,Pleasant Valley,Maria,61,F,W,Oct.,Consumption,4yr,Ohio,Ire.,Va.*
Jackson Co.,Jefferson Twp.,Maud,1,F,S,May,none given,5mo.,Kans.,N.Y.,N.Y.
Jefferson Co.,Ky.Twp.,Frederic,3mo.,M,S,Apr.,measles,--,Kans.,Mo.,Kans.*
Miami Co.,Paola Twp.,___Carpenter,infant,M,S,Aug.,diarrhea,--,Kans.,--,--
Osborn Co.,Lawrence Creek,Anne,5,F,S,Sept.,Dropsy,--,Kans.,--,--*
Pottawatomie Co.,Mill Creek, E.C.,24,M,M,Mar.,Consumption,--,Ind.,Ohio,Vt.*
Republic Co.,Liberty Twp.,Emma,½,F,S,,May,lung fever,--,Kans.,Ohio,--
Republic Co.,Rose Creek, J.,7 mo.,May,bronchitis,--,Kans.,--,-- (male)
Sedgwick Co.,Park&Kechi,A.,11 mo.,Apr.,cholera,--,Kans.,Ohio,Ky. (male)*
Shawnee Co.,Topeka Twp.,Joseph,1,M,S,Sept.,Consumption,1yr,Kan.,Ger.,Switz.*
Sheridan Co.,Dist.312,Salome,7,F,S,Oct.,brain fever,5mo.,Mo.,Mo.,Ill.
Sumner Co.,Belle Plain,Amelia,5,F,S,Oct.,Convulsions,--,Ill.,Baden,Tex.*
Sumner Co.,Belle Plain,Theo.,7,M,S,Oct.,Convulsions,--,Ill.,Baden,Tex.*
Washington Co.,Clifton,Jennie,20,F,S,Dec.,malaria fever,--,Va.,Va.,Va.
Washington Co.,Lincoln,Sander,55,M,--,Feb.,Pneumonia,20yr.,Pa.,Pa.,Pa.
Washington Co.,Lincoln,William,51,M,M,Mar.,Typhoid Pneu.,3yr.,Pa.,Pa.,Pa.

* Denotes that on the death record the name was spelled as either Zimmerman or Simmerman; the English translation of this name is Carpenter.

EDITOR'S NOTES: The above type of record is particularly valuable in showing family migration paths since it lists for each person not only their own state of birth, but also the state where their father and mother were born. Thus, we see that some of the above families came to Kansas from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia, Kentucky, other Midwestern states, or from foreign countries. The above data also indicates that these Kansas Carpenters belong to at least three unrelated branches of the Carpenter family. Such mortality schedules are available for other midwestern states, including ones for 1850, 1860 and 1870. They were an adjunct to the federal census and were intended to chronicle persons who died in the United States during the 12 months preceding the taking of the census. They were given to non-Federal depositories in 1918 and 1919. The June, 1943 issue of National Genealogical Society Quarterly includes an article outlining distribution of mortality schedules for each state or territory.

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## PROFILE: BENJAMIN CARPENTER - (Continued from Previous Page)

Mrs. Eliza M. Carpenter was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N.Y., May 2, 1812. Her father, Silas Wilcox, was born in Rhode Island, Feb. 13, 1787, and died in Fairfield, this county, Aug. 5, 1837. Her mother, who was Miss Cynthia Taft, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., Jan. 1, 1790, and died Sept. 8, 1855.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Above item was furnished by reader Wayne S. Carpenter of Adrian, Michigan. Data on his own Carpenter ancestors appears elsewhere in this issue. Also see 1850 Michigan Census info in this issue for names of other Carpenters in Lenawee Co., Mich. The above birthdates for children of Benjamin Carpenter do not appear to be entirely correct. It would not seem possible for the son Jerome to be born Sept. 11, 1849 and a son Allen to be born Feb. 22, 1850, less than 6 months later. Since Jerome is the only child not listed in order of birth, the 1849 year given for his birth may have been an error in the 1888 account.

# Early Carpenters in Lenawee Co., Michigan

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My great-great-great-grandfather, Henry Carpenter, was born near Hopewell, N.J. on Jan. 20, 1789, the eldest child of Hope Carpenter and his wife, Phebe Yost. Hope was a Revolutionary War private.

Henry was married on Dec. 6, 1810 to Sarah Vescelius, daughter of Andrus and Lenah (VanSickle) Vescelius.

About 1835, Henry Carpenter, along with his brothers John and Joseph, walked from Yates County, N.Y., where the family then lived, to near Adrian in Lenawee Co., Mich., and took up land in Rome Township in that county.

When they returned to New York for their families, Henry's brother John traded the land he had obtained for his brother-in-law's farm in Yates Co., N.Y. This brother-in-law, Frank Howard, was married to his sister, Elizabeth Carpenter. Henry and Joseph Carpenter, Frank Howard, and their families then came to Michigan to settle in 1836.

Henry's wife, Sarah (Vescelius) Carpenter, died Feb. 5, 1852 and was buried at the Springville Cemetery in Cambridge Township, Lenawee Co., Mich. A few years later, Henry returned to New York and lived in Steuben Co. with his brother, Benjamin. Henry died there April 28, 1861. Henry and Sarah had the following three children:

(1) PHEBE CARPENTER--Born April 12, 1814; died Sept. 16, 1831.
(2) HENRY J. CARPENTER--Born July 13, 1817; married on Nov. 15, 1840 to Azubah Ostrander, daughter of Andrew and Betsey (Eldridge) Ostrander; he died Aug. 28, 1872 and is buried in Cambridge Township in Lenawee Co., Mich.
(3) SARAH CARPENTER--Born Nov. 11, 1825; died June 7, 1826.

Henry's sister, Elizabeth, was born Jan. 15, 1810, the tenth child of Hope and Phebe (Yost) Carpenter. She married Frank (Francis) Howard on Dec. 25, 1830. They had two sons, Benjamin and Frank. Elizabeth (Carpenter) Howard died Sept. 25, 1896 and is buried in Cambridge Township, Lenawee Co., Mich. The farm that Elizabeth and her husband settled is still in the Howard family and is marked as a Centennial Farm in the State of Michigan.

The following is from Lenawee County, Mich. records:

John H. Carpenter bought in Cambridge Twp., Sect. 26
SW quarter of the NE Quarter 40 acres
E half of the SW Quarter 80 acres

John H. Carpenter bought in Rome Twp., Sect. 3
S third of SE Quarter

He sold this land to Francis A. Howard Dec. 8, 1834; Francis conveyed it to his son, Benjamin Howard, in 1884.

Harold Chapman of 51 Chapman Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97402 has done extensive research on another Carpenter line that came to Lenawee County from New York. Enclosed is a Xerox copy (see page 3 profile, this issue) on one of the brothers that came to Fairfield Twp., Lenawee Co., Mich. in the early 1830's. One of his brothers, John Hawthorne Carpenter, was the first supervisor of Fairfield Township. Another brother, Elder James Carpenter, founded and was the first pastor of a church called the "Baptist Church of Christ" in Fairfield. Known as the "Old School Predestinarian Baptist Church," its first meeting was held Sept. 15, 1833. The articles of faith were drawn up by John H. Carpenter, William Carpenter & Gershom Noyes; I can provide a list of members, many of them Carpenters.

Your editor feels the first Lenawee Co. Carpenters are cousins, with James, b. 1785, Orange Co., N.Y., & Hope, b. 1789, N.J.,having a common grandfather or great-grandpa in Jamaica,L.I.,N.Y.

## "Southern Family Trees" Column

Due to the two pages of North Carolina Carpenter marriages appearing in this issue, the usual "Southern Family Trees" column has been omitted so we could devote as much space as possible to data on Midwestern Carpenter family pioneers. This column will be resumed when we have finished printing the list of N.C. marriages.

# Carpenters Listed in 1830 Ohio Census

| NAME | COUNTY |
|---|---|
| Carpenter, Aaron | Guernsey |
| " Aaron | Portage |
| " Aaron Jr. | Portage |
| " Abraham | Delaware |
| " Abram | Hamilton |
| " Alexander | Hamilton |
| " Amos | Licking |
| " Amos | Meigs |
| " Amos | Meigs |
| " Anne | Delaware |
| " Arnold | Montgomery |
| " Asa | Huron |
| " Ashman | Richland |
| " B. | Ashtabula |
| " Benj. | Cuyahoga |
| " Benj. | Darke |
| " Benj. | Delaware |
| " Benj. | Scioto |
| " Benj. | Seneca |
| " Benj. D. | Ross |
| " Benj. | Delaware |
| " Benjamin | Licking |
| " Burt | Ashtabula |
| " Caleb | Cuyahoga |
| " Caleb | Cuyahoga |
| " Caleb | Richland |
| " Catherin | Guernsey |
| " Cephas | Athens |
| " Chas. | Delaware |
| " Christian | Washington |
| " Cyrus | Lorain |
| " Danl. | Crawford |
| " Danl. | Hamilton |
| " Danl. | Harrison |
| " Danl. | Richland |
| " Danl. J. | Delaware |
| " David | Clermont |
| " David | Fairfield |
| " David | Highland |
| " David | Miami |
| " David | Monroe |
| " Davis | Brown |
| " Edward | Guernsey |
| " Elijah | Pickaway |
| " Elijah | Ross |
| " Elisha | Pickaway |
| " Elizabeth | Delaware |
| " Ephraim | Lorain |
| " Ezra | Cuyahoga |
| " Ezra | Fairfield |
| " Filander | Portage |
| " Francis | Belmont |
| " Fredk | Athens |
| " George | Fayette |
| " George | Guernsey |
| " George | Holmes |
| " George | Preble |
| " George | Warren |
| " Gilbert | Delaware |
| " Greenleaf | Cuyahoga |

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This list of Carpenter names appearing in the index to the 1830 federal census of Ohio was provided by reader Ruth Hicks of Lincoln, Nebraska. Readers interested in additional info about any of these persons may check the actual census and are also advised to consult appropriate Ohio county histories. The 1830 federal census gives only the following data: Each entry shows name of head of family, numbers of free white persons under age 5, age 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80, 80-90, 90-100 and 100 and upward, distinguishing between males and females; number of slaves and aliens per household is also given. The head of the family is included in the numerical statistics.

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| NAME | COUNTY |
|---|---|
| Carpenter, Harry | Huron |
| " Harvey | Athens |
| " Henry | Delaware |
| " Hiram | Brown |
| " I. | Ashtabula |
| " Ira | Huron |
| " Ira | Delaware |
| " Isaac | Clinton |
| " Isreal | Delaware |
| " J. | Ashtabula |
| " J.S. | Ashtabula |
| " Jacob | Clinton |
| " Jacob | Jackson |
| " James | Delaware |
| " James | Delaware |
| " Jeremiah | Meigs |
| " Jeremiah | Pickaway |
| " Jessee | Belmont |
| " Jessee | Belmont |
| " John | Cuyahoga |
| " John | Delaware |
| " John | Delaware |
| " John | Guernsey |
| " John | Hamilton |
| " John | Hamilton |
| " John | Hamilton |
| " John | Holmes |
| " John | Knox |
| " John | Marion |
| " John | Monroe |
| " John | Morgan |
| " John | Richland |
| " John | Richland |
| " John Jr. | Guernsey |
| " John R. | Fayette |
| " Jonathan | Belmont |
| " Jonathan | Hamilton |
| " Joseph | Athens |

## CARPENTERS LISTED IN 1830 OHIO CENSUS - (Continued from Previous Page)

| NAME | | COUNTY |
|---|---|---|
| Carpenter, | Joseph | Guernsey |
| " | Joseph | Guernsey |
| " | Joseph | Guernsey |
| " | Joseph | Guernsey |
| " | Joseph | Hamilton |
| " | Joseph | Holmes |
| " | Joseph | Logan |
| " | Joseph | Lorain |
| " | Joseph | Muskingum |
| " | Joshua | Fairfield |
| " | Josiah | Licking |
| " | Justin | Knox |
| " | Leonard | Tuscarawas |
| " | Levi | Lorain |
| " | Lewis | Cuyahoga |
| " | Lewis | Geauga |
| " | Loisa | Cuyahoga |
| " | Lyman | Delaware |
| " | M. | Ashtabula |
| " | Mariah | Richland |
| " | Mary | Delaware |
| " | Michael | Hocking |
| " | Miranda | Meigs |
| " | Moses | Delaware |
| " | Moses | Franklin |
| " | Moses | Geauga |
| " | Nancy | Fairfield |
| " | Nathan | Delaware |
| " | Nathan | Medina |
| " | Nehemiah | Fairfield |
| " | Nun | Cuyahoga |
| " | Orson | Huron |
| " | Parker | Athens |
| " | Paul | Monroe |
| " | Peter | Hocking |
| " | Priscilla | Muskingum |
| " | Richard | Guernsey |
| " | Richd. | Medina |
| " | Robt. | Huron |
| " | Robt. | Huron |
| " | Robt. | Monroe |
| " | Robt. | Monroe |
| " | Robt. | Richland |
| " | Royal | Franklin |
| " | S.B. | Huron |
| " | Sabastian | Hocking |
| " | Sampson | Hocking |
| " | Saml. | Butler |
| " | Saml. | Delaware |
| " | Saml. | Fairfield |
| " | Saml. | Guernsey |
| " | Saml. | Licking |
| " | Saml. | Monroe |
| " | Saml. | Portage |
| " | Saml. | Richland |
| " | Saml. | Warren |
| " | Saml. Sr. | Licking |

Double listing of a name in a county means more than one person with name.

| NAME | | COUNTY |
|---|---|---|
| Carpenter, | Shugal | Hamilton |
| " | Spain | Hamilton |
| " | Susannah | Holmes |
| " | Thomas | Butler |
| " | Thomas | Fairfield |
| " | Thomas | Franklin |
| " | Thomas | Franklin |
| " | Thomas | Guernsey |
| " | Thomas | Holmes |
| " | Thomas | Logan |
| " | Thomas | Montgomery |
| " | Thomas | Richland |
| " | Thomas J. | Greene |
| " | Walter | Belmont |
| " | Whipple | Montgomery |
| " | Willard | Lorain |
| " | William | Adams |
| " | William | Adams |
| " | William | Cuyahoga |
| " | William | Delaware |
| " | William | Fairfield |
| " | William | Knox |
| " | William | Lawrence |
| " | William | Licking |
| " | William | Marion |
| " | William | Meigs |
| " | William | Tuscarawas |
| " | William | Warren |
| " | William B. | Knox |
| " | Zachra | Cuyahoga |

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## CARPENTER 1850 CENSUS PROJECT

The 1850 federal census was the first to list for each person in a household their name, age and state of birth. We are now launching the 1850 Carpenter Census Project. It is an effort to pinpoint every Carpenter family member, nationwide, who was alive in 1850. Volunteers are needed to check the 1850 census for specific counties and extract the data listed for each Carpenter family member. Some readers who also subscribe to our monthly bulletin, "The Epistle," have already written in for their county assignment. Carpenter Census Project data forms, with instructions, were inserted in the August issue of "THE EPISTLE". Other readers interested in participating in this project may write your editor for forms for submitting the Carpenter census data, advice on locating census records and assignment to a county for which records need to be checked.

Chicago Historical Society

WAR OF 1812 BATTLE--Commodore Perry leaves his sinking ship and is rowed to another vessel; there, he continued to direct his fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie. By defeating the British squadron, Perry gained control of the lower end of the Great Lakes. Many young Carpenter family youths living in New York were pressed into service for the extensive War of 1812 land campaign in the upstate region around Lake Champlain. Numerous soldiers later settled in the Midwest.

## CARPENTER SOLDIERS OF THE WAR

(Below data furnished by reader Mrs. Miriam Hoshal of Owosso, Mich., who obtained it from "Soldiers of the War of 1812 Who Died in Michigan," compiled by Mrs. Alice Turner Miller of Ithaca, Mich. Sources cited are those of Mrs. Miller.)

### CLARK CARPENTER

Resident of Elba Twp., Lapeer Co., Mich. in March, 1855 when he was age 61; died at age 67. Wife, Mary, died at age 63 and son Francis at age 12, all inscribed on same stone in Farmers Creek Cemetery, Sect.19, Lapeer Twp. (Sources: Cemetery records; the 1884 History of Lapeer Co.)

### JAMES CARPENTER

Died Nov.23, 1857, age 75, Fairfield Twp., Lenawee Co., Mich.; buried in that township at Weston Village Cem.; married ca. 1806 Asenith (or Catherine) Striker (1785-1873); 8 children. (Sources: Cemetery records; History of Lenawee Co.)--See p.3, this issue.

### JOHN CARPENTER

John Wathorn Carpenter died July 3, 1874 and is buried in Hagaman Cem., Fairfield Twp., Lenawee Co., Mich. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Revolutionary soldier Moses Bassett Cook. Mrs. Lulu Carpenter of Ypsilanti, Mich. has his ensign & lieut. papers signed by N.Y. Gov. Dewitt Clinton.--See pp.3-5, this issue, noting p.5 reference to a John Hawthorne Carpenter.

### SAMUEL CARPENTER

Born Feb. 28, 1799, Orange Co.,N.Y., son of Rev. War soldier Joshua Carpenter; he died Oct.6, 1870; buried Hagaman Cem., Fairfield Twp., Lenawee Co., Mich. Listed as a War of 1812 pensioner.

# *Introduction to Records Concerning Soldiers in the War of 1812*

MILITARY RECORDS--Combined military service records of the War of 1812, dated 1812-1815, are on file in the National Archives, Washington. The jacket envelopes are filed by state, arranged by name of military organization and, thereunder, alphabetically by name of soldier. Indexes to them include a master name index, an index for each state, and an index for such categories as prisoners of war and spies. Records relating to these soldiers normally give his name, rank, military organization, name of state from which he served and the dates he was mustered in and out of service. In addition, genealogical researchers are referred to indexed and published state rosters, based largely upon state records. Some of these state records contain data on soldiers not included in the federal records. Such records have been published on War of 1812 soldiers in such states as Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware.

PENSION RECORDS--Pension records for War of 1812 soldiers contain such valuable genealogical data as name, age, place of residence, marriage date and place, as well as maiden name of wife, dates and details of his military service and, if application was filed by widow, his date and place of death. These records in the National Archives are arranged alphabetically by names of veterans and an alphabetical name index has been reproduced on microfilm.

LAND RECORDS--Many War of 1812 soldiers were entitled to bounty land. These bounty land districts, containing 6 million acres, were located in Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri. Until passage of an 1842 act, the bounty land warrants of War of 1812 soldiers could not be used for land outside these three districts. Most men were entitled to 160 acres, but some to 320 acres. Beginning in 1847, Congress passed a series of acts which increased bounty-land benefits to veterans of the Revolution, War of 1812, Indian Wars and Mexican War, and many additional men became eligible for land grants in various states. There is a 3"x5" card index to bounty land claims of War of 1812 soldiers which are at the National Archives.

IMPRESSED SEAMEN--The National Archives has lists of American seamen impressed by Great Britain before or during the War of 1812. They cover 1793-1815, but only those for 1793-1802 are indexed.

## OF 1812 WHO DIED IN MICHIGAN

### STEPHEN CARPENTER

Born Sept.7, 1795, Saratoga, N.Y., and died Apr. 25, ___, at Sodus and buried near Coloma in Berrien Co., Mich. He wed in 1818 Hannah Scovil (1797-1899). Stephen was corporal, 147th Regt., N.Y. Militia; War of 1812 service documented in 1866 pension record (# 23810) apparently filed by his widow, Hannah, in Kent Co., Mich.

### THOMAS CARPENTER

Born Jan. 24, 1794, Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N.Y. & died Apr.11,1884 at age 91, Alamo Twp., Kalamazoo Co.,Mich. Wed Lydia James (1799-1891) of Stephentown; both buried Fench Cem., Alamo Twp. Thomas served one year as a War of 1812 drummer boy. Children include sons J.J., Cyrus, Amos, George, W., Edwin & daughters Phebe James, Mrs. John Wheeler & Mrs. W. Woodward.

### WILLIAM CARPENTER

William died Sept. 12, 1849 at age 76 years, 7 months, 13 days and was buried in Hagaman Cemetery in Lenawee County, Mich. He was a veteran of the War of 1812.

### WILLIAM CARPENTER

William was born in 1792 in N.Y.; died Nov. 21, 1876, when his age given as 82 yr., 10 mo., 26 days. Married Mary Taylor (1799-1869); she was born in N.Y. A daughter, Charlotte, died in 1876 at age 35. All are buried in Lyon Twp. Cemetery, Sect.26-10, Oakland Co., Mich. (Sources: Oakland Co. History & Cemetery records.)

# Carpenters in Michigan in 1850

| FIRST NAME, HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (Last name Carpenter) | NO. OTHERS, SAME SURNAME | COUNTY IN MICHIGAN | TOWNSHIP OR CITY, ETC. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Asa A. | 2 | Allegan | Martin |
| Asahel | 2 | Livingston | Genoa |
| Barnard | 5 | Genesee | Clayton |
| Bassett C. | 4 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Beach | 1 | Lenawee | Dover |
| Benedict | 2 | Oakland | Waterford |
| Benjamin | 6 | Clinton | Duplain |
| Benjamin | 10 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Benjamin | 3 | Berrien | Division 10 |
| Betsey (living with Snyder family) | -- | Macomb | Bruce |
| Brewster | 6 | Livingston | Genoa |
| C.A. | 6 | Oakland | Orion |
| Caleb | 4 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Caleb | 6 | Lapeer | Almont |
| Caron | -- | Oakland | Bloomfield |
| Cephus | 4 | Genesee | Flint |
| Charles | 1 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Charles | 3 | Washtenau | Superior |
| Chas. | 5 | Oakland | Orion |
| Clark | 3 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Chas. K. | 2 | Oakland | Orion |
| Clark | 2 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Cynthia | 1 | Washtenau | Dexter |
| Daniel | 5 | Washtenau | York |
| Daniel | 5 | Jackson | Hanover |
| Daniel R. | 6 | Eaton | Delta |
| David | 1 | Lenawee | Blissfield |
| Deborah | 8 | Macomb | Shelby |
| E.R. | 4 | Barry | Carlton |
| Eben, Rev. | 5 | Washtenau | Salem |
| Eli | 4 | Livingston | Tuscola |
| Elihu | 2 | Lenawee | Raisin |
| Elijah | 5 | Oakland | Pontiac |
| Elizabeth | 8 | Livingston | Genoa |
| ElKama | 5 | Ionia | Sebewa |
| Esaw | 8 | Oakland | Southfield |
| Ezra | 5 | Kalamazoo | Portage |
| Ezra | 1 | Oakland | Orion |
| Frederick | 0 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| George | 3 | Ingham | Onondaga |
| George | 2 | Saginaw | Hampton |
| Griffin | 3 | Oakland | Lyon |
| Harriet (living with Kedzie fmly) | -- | Ingham | Lansing |
| Harriet (with McAllister fmly) | -- | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo |
| Harvey (living with Washer fmly) | -- | Macomb | Washington |
| Harvey | 4 | Macomb | Bruce |
| Henry | 1 | Lenawee | Rome |
| Henry | 3 | Oakland | Waterford |
| Henry (living with Ament fmly) | -- | Shiawassee | Owosso |
| Henry J. | 4 | Lenawee | Rome |
| Hiram (living with Brown fmly) | -- | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Horace | 6 | Washtenau | Ypsilanti |
| I.W. (perhaps J.W.) | 4 | Oakland | Pontiac |
| Ira | 8 | Kalamazoo | Texas |
| Isaac | 3 | Oakland | Orion |
| Israel | 4 | Clinton | DeWitt |
| Israel (living with Brooks fmly) | -- | Newaygo | Newaygo |

CARPENTERS IN MICHIGAN IN 1850 - (Continued from Previous Page)

| FIRST NAME | NO. OTHERS | COUNTY | TOWNSHIP |
|---|---|---|---|
| J.H. | 7 | Lenawee | Cambridge |
| Jabez | 2 | Jackson | Hanover |
| James | 8 | Ingham | Onondaga |
| James (living with Pomeroy fmly) | -- | Kalamazoo | Prairie-Rond |
| James | 6 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Jas. L. | 3 | Cass | Volinia |
| Jason (living with Loomis fmly) | -- | Kent | Walker |
| Jeremiah | 5 | Livingston | Genoa |
| Joel | 2 | Lenawee | Blissfield |
| John | 3 | Lenawee | Palmyra |
| John | 3 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| John | 3 | Macomb | Lenox |
| John (with Harlow fmly) | -- | Marquette | Marquette |
| John (with Johns fmly) | -- | Oakland | Lyons |
| John | 5 | Oakland | Oakland |
| John | 4 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| John M. | 5 | Lenawee | Seneca |
| John R. | 7 | Lenawee | Adrian |
| Joseph | 4 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Joseph | 6 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Joseph | 4 | Cass | Ontwa (?) |
| Joseph | 0 | Lenawee | Dover |
| Joseph | 7 | Lenawee | Blissfield |
| Joseph | 3 | Lenawee | Raisin |
| Joshua | 4 | Oakland | Pontiac |
| Josiah | 0 | Lenawee | Woodstock |
| LaFayette | 3 | Oakland | Pontiac |
| Laura (with Robers fmly) | -- | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Lucy (with Parkhurst fmly) | -- | Washtenaw | Bridgewater |
| Lydia (with Searles fmly) | -- | Eaton | Eaton |
| Lyman | 6 | Washtenaw | Dexter |
| Mahala (with Truesdell fmly) | -- | Livingston | Green Oak |
| Mantittas | 3 | Genesee | Fenton |
| Maria (with Shadbott fmly) | -- | Oakland | Troy |
| Marris (with Hale fmly) | -- | Jackson | Grass Lake |
| Mary (with Shenley fmly) | -- | Eaton | Benton |
| Messick | 4 | Cass | Milton |
| Moses | 1 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Noah | 6 | Jackson | Springport |
| Orin | 6 | Washtenaw | Ypsilanti |
| Orsen | 3 | Lapeer | Lapeer |
| Otis A. | 1 | Ingham | Lansing |
| Paelinas (with McCarther fmly) | -- | Livingston | Brighton |
| Plina (with Kimbol fmly) | -- | Livingston | Tuscola |
| Porter | 5 | Livingston | Conway |
| Reuben T. | 3 | Lenawee | Fairfield |
| Rian | 7 | Genesee | Thetford |
| Sampson (with Sluford fmly) | -- | Livingston | Brighton |
| Samuel | 3 | Ionia | Sebewa |
| Samuel | 5 | Lapeer | Almont |
| Samuel | 5 | Lenawee | Madison |
| Sarah (with Culver fmly) | -- | Washtenaw | Superior |
| Sarah (with Hicks fmly) | -- | Cass | Milton |
| Sidney | 4 | Livingston | Oceola |
| Silas | 7 | Cass | Porter |
| Smith | 5 | Lenawee | Dover |
| Stephen (with Whore fmly) | -- | Lenawee | Seneca |
| Stephen | 1 | Oakland | Orion |
| Thomas | 7 | Kalamazoo | Alamo |
| Thomas J. | 7 | Oakland | Orion |

## CARPENTERS IN MICHIGAN IN 1850 - (Continued from Previous Page)

| FIRST NAME | NO. OTHERS | COUNTY | TOWNSHIP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Timothy | 6 | Kent | Plainfield |
| Tolney (with Guthrie fmly) | -- | Jackson | Hanover |
| Watson (with Lazalere fmly) | -- | Lenawee | Tecumseh |
| Wheaton | 4 | Oakland | Pontiac |
| Willard | 10 | Macomb | Clinton |
| William | 7 | Eaton | Carmel |
| William | 2 | Eaton | Brookfield |
| William | 8 | Genesee | Atlas |
| William | 5 | Ingham | Onondaga |
| William A. | 1 | Washtenaw | York |
| William L. | 10 | Lenawee | Seneca |
| William (with Burton fmly) | -- | Lenawee | Tecumseh |
| William | 3 | Oakland | Lyon |
| William | 7 | Oakland | Lyon |
| William R. | 8 | Jackson | Hanover |

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## NOTES ON ABOVE LISTING OF CARPENTERS LIVING IN MICHIGAN IN 1850

The above listing was furnished by Journal reader Mrs. Miriam Hoshal of Owosso, Michigan. She informs us that her source was "the Index for the 1850 Census of Michigan families that is available on microfilm at the State Library in Lansing. Miriam also reports the following: "This census taking was done by the various genealogy clubs of Michigan. It is in a card file at the State Library. It contains every family living in Michigan in 1850. Now all the counties are not finished yet and some that are finished need to be filed. They are filed according to name, such as Carpenter. I copied down every Carpenter filed so far. Anyone can help with filing these cards. I noticed a whole stack of new cards to be filed the last time I was at the library. I am going to Lansing again and may do some filing then. Wayne County has not been filed. I know you are interested in that county."

Readers interested in any of the names on the above list are advised to consult the actual census listing for additional data on each family member, including their age and state of birth. We have printed this index listing to guide family researchers to actual census data on their ancestors. We've asked Miriam to provide us with Carpenter census listings from the other Michigan counties as they become available.

Meanwhile, volunteers are still needed to copy actual 1850 census listings for Carpenters living in Michigan for our Carpenter Census Project, a long-term endeavor which will place nationwide Carpenter 1850 census data in the hands of all interested Carpenter family researchers. How about volunteers for some of the Michigan counties.

## DON'T SAY NO TO EPISTLE TILL YOU'VE TRIED IT

"The Epistle," our new monthly bulletin devoted to genealogical correspondence and research tips, has been enthusiastically applauded by its readers. Although only two issues have been published--and a third is in the works--we've already heard from some readers who have received help both from printed "Epistle" items and from other readers who read about their problem and looked up data for them.

The indexes for the July and August issues of "The Epistle" contain a total of more than 275 references to Carpenter family members. Reader letters--and your editor's replies to them--have touched upon such topics as the following: The identity of Hudson Valley, N.Y. Carpenters listed in a reader's Bible; a reader's notes on his Georgia Carpenter ancestry, and readers' outlines of their problems tracing Carpenter ancestors in Iowa, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, New York and the New England states. One item gave deaths of a couple of dozen Carpenter residents of Shaftsbury, Vermont.

# Carpenter Marriages: Tryon-Lincoln Co., N.C.

(This list is continued from the June issue. These marriages are on file at the Court House at Lincolnton, North Carolina.)

Henry Carpenter (Ger.: Henrich Zimmermann) to Catharine Mostiller; Sur.: John Carpenter; Wit.: John Dickson; Dec. 8, 1801.
Henry Carpenter to Anne Hoyle; Sur.: Samuel Bigham; Wit.: Daniel Lutz; May 12, 1816.
Henry Carpenter to Elizabeth M. Blackburn; Sur.: J. C. Jenkins (Jinkins); Dec. 19, 1849.
Isaac W. Carpenter to Eliza Matthews; Sur.: James A. Hardy (Hardi); Wit.: H. Cansler; Nov. 14, 1839.
J. M. Carpenter to Jane Catharine Bess; Sur.: J. A. Huss; Wit.: W. R. Clark; Sept. 23, 1861.
Jacob Carpenter to Catherine Quickiel; Sur.: Jacob Carpenter (?); Wit.: Peter Hoyl; Feb. 27, 1800.
Jacob Carpenter to Anne Jinkens; Sur.: Lwn Henderson; Feb. 7, 1805.
Jacob Carpenter to Elizabeth Weaver; Sur.: Valentine Harris; Wit.: G. Hoke; Jan. 6, 1834.
Jacob Carpenter to Mary Loretz; Sur.: Samuel Blackburn; Wit.: H. Cansler; Sept. 20, 1837.
Jacob Carpenter to Margaret Keener; Sur.: Joshua Carpenter; by: Robert Blackburn, J.P.; Sept. 1, 1859.
Jacob Carpenter to Violet Hoyl; Sur.: Thomas W. Lindsay (Lindsey); Wit.: A. Costner; March 2, 1866.
Jacob Carpenter, Jr. to Betsy Barringer; Sur.: John Campbell; Wit.: V. McBee; Oct. 27, 1818.
James Carpenter to Rachel Simon; Sur.: John Ashe; Wit.: John Dickson; Dec. 6, 1796.
Joel Carpenter to Sally Hovis; Sur.: Marcus L. Hoke; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; June 2, 1835.
John Carpenter to Mary Carpenter; Sur.: John Carpenter; Wit.: John Dickson; Jan. 6, 1803.
John Carpenter to Margret Ramsey; Sur.: Henry Summerour; Wit.: Ligt Williams, J.P.; July 11, 1812.
John Carpenter to Anne Whisenhunt; Sur.: John Whisnant (Whisenhunt); Wit.: V. McBee; May 31, 1813.
John Carpenter to Rebeckah Carpenter; Sur.: Samuel Bigham; Wit.: V. McBee; Dec. 20, 1813.
John Carpenter to Mary Ramsour; Sur.: John Heedick; Wit.: James T. Alexander; Oct. 9, 1815.
John Carpenter to Olly Baker; Sur.: Joshua Clark; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Aug. 12, 1830.
John Carpenter to Hetty Baker; Sur.: Absalom Carpenter; Wit.: R. Williamson, Jr.; Dec. 27, 1849.
Jonas Carpenter to Mary Kizer; Sur.: Jacob Carpenter; Dec. 22, 1806.
Jonas Carpenter to Sally Roberts; Sur.: Michael Quickel (Quickle); Wit.: V. Mc Bee; Aug. 28, 1824.
Jonathan Carpenter to Barbara Kistler; Sur.: Henry Kistler; Wit.: V. McBee; July 27, 1819.
Jonathan Carpenter to Anna Clay; Sur.: H. Cansler; by: Maxll Warlick, J.P.; Aug. 21, 1856.
Joseph Carpenter to Elizabeth Carpenter; Sur.: Jonas Mosteller; Wit.: V. McBee; Oct. 15, 1814.
Joseph Carpenter to Mary Bess; Sur.: Thomas Bess; Wit.: George Coon, J.P.; March 31, 1847.
Joshua Carpenter to Elizabeth Summey; Sur.: Joel Carpenter; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; July 10, 1837.
Joshua Carpenter to Mary Keener; Sur.: D. W. Carpenter; Wit.: A. S. Haynes CCC; by: Elisha Saunders, J.P.; Jan. 4, 1866.
Joshua P. Carpenter to Barbara C. Beam; Sur.: Philip Plonk; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by: David Crouse, J.P.; Oct. 8, 1856.
Lavina Carpenter to Ephraim Blackburn; Sur.: Martin Zimmerman; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; Oct. 1, 1834.

## EARLY CARPENTER MARRIAGE BONDS--TRYON & LINCOLN COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA (Cont'd)

Lawson Carpenter to Ruthy Kizer; Sur.: Martin Zimmerman; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; Dec. 18, 1834.

Leanah Carpenter to John Beam; Sur.: Newman Alexander; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Nov. 1, 1831.

Levi Carpenter to Salley Perkins; Sur.: Jacob M. Allen; Wit.: V. McBee; Jan. 6, 1827.

Levi Carpenter to Elizabeth Keener; Sur.: Joel Carpenter; Wit.: H. Cansler, C.C.; Sept. 4, 1838.

Louiza Carpenter to Philip Kiser (Kizer); Sur.: John Carpenter; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; Aug. 2, 1835.

Louisa Carpenter to Moses Hovis; Sur.: James Nantz; Wit.: J. A. Huss; by: J. R. Peterson, M.G.; May 15, 1856.

Margaret Carpenter to Jonas Mosteller; Sur.: Solomon Ransy; Wit.: Lwn Henderson; Dec. 7, 1806.

Margaret Carpenter to James McKee; Sur.: Peter Kiser; Wit.: R. Williamson; Sept. 29, 1841.

Marget Carpenter to Abraham Mauny (Mauney); Sur.: John Carpenter; Wit.: V. Mc Bee; April 3, 1813.

Martha Carpenter to John Samuel Hoyle; Sur.: W. C. Taylor; Wit.: William J. Hoke; by: G. W. Hull, J.P.; Jan. 1, 1861.

Martha M. Carpenter to John C. Spiegel; Sur.: Jacob Smith; Wit.: Daniel Siegel, J.P.; by: Daniel Siegel, J.P.; Aug. 9, 1857.

Martin Carpenter to Anna Carpenter; Sur,: James Kizer; Wit.: V. McBee; Dec. 8, 1827.

Mary Carpenter to Martin Hoyl; Sur.: Samuel Bigham; Wit.: Samuel Wilson; Feb. 22, 1816.

Mary Carpenter to John Beam; Sur.: Jonas Rudisill (Rudisel); Wit.: V. McBee; Feb. 17, 1822.

Mary Carpenter to William Milligan; Sur.: Henry Carpenter (son of Jacob); Wit.: V. McBee; Feb. 1, 1823.

Mary Carpenter to Levi Weaver; Sur.: James Keen; Wit.: V. McBee; April 2, 1827.

Mary Carpenter to Peter Young; Sur.: John D. Hoke; Wit.: Carolos Leonard; Jan. 3, 1834.

Mary Carpenter to George Hovis; Sur.: John Michal; Wit.: H. Cansler, C.C.; Feb. 17, 1838.

Mary Carpenter to Miles O. Hull; Sur.: Elias Hull; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by: J. P. Carpenter, Esquire; Feb. 3, 1860.

Mary A. Carpenter to John Avery; Sur.: Franklin Taylor; Wit.: R. Williamson; by: George Coon, J.P.; June 25, 1853.

Mary M. Carpenter to John C. McLurd; Sur.: Ephraim Kizer; Wit.: Robert Williamson; by: George Coon, J.P.; Feb. 26, 1856.

Michael Carpenter to Mary Conner; Sur.: William Conner; Wit.: V. McBee; Jan. 13, 1823.

Michael Carpenter to Rebeccah Carpenter; Sur.: Miles W. Abernathy; Mar. 16, 1835.

Michael Carpenter to Elithabeth Carpenter; Sur.: Lawson O. (or A.) Reinhardt; Wit.: M. W. Abernathy; Sept. 24, 1835.

Milly Carpenter to Levi Rudisell; Sur.: Peter Mauney; Wit.: V. McBee; Jan. 19, 1827.

Moses Carpenter to Abatine Costner; Sur.: Peter Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; June 18, 1827.

Nancy Carpenter to David Jenkins; Sur.: Abraham Mauney; Wit.: Lwn Henderson; Oct. 7, 1811.

Nancy F. Carpenter to Solomon Shrum; Sur.: A. S. Haynes; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by: J. Finger, M.G.; July 31, 1860.

Nicholas Carpenter to Cathrine Plunk; Sur.: Jonas Mosteller; Dec. 5, 1812.

Nicholas Carpenter (Ger.: Nicklus Zimmerman) to Catherine Wheard; Sur.: John Lourance; Wit.: Z. Stacy, J.P.; Nov. 5, 1832.

Noah Carpenter to Barbara Kiser; Sur.: Henry Kizer (Ger.: Heinrich Kaiser); Wit.: James T. Alexander; June 7, 1823.

Noah C. Carpenter to Mary A. Hoyle; Sur.: W. M. Hull; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by: H. A. T. Harris; Jan. 10, 1867.

P. H. Carpenter to Sarah Harriss; Sur.: J. M. Carpenter; by: P. Carpenter, J.P.; Jan. 8, 1861.

*This list of N.C. Carpenter marriages will be continued in the December issue.*

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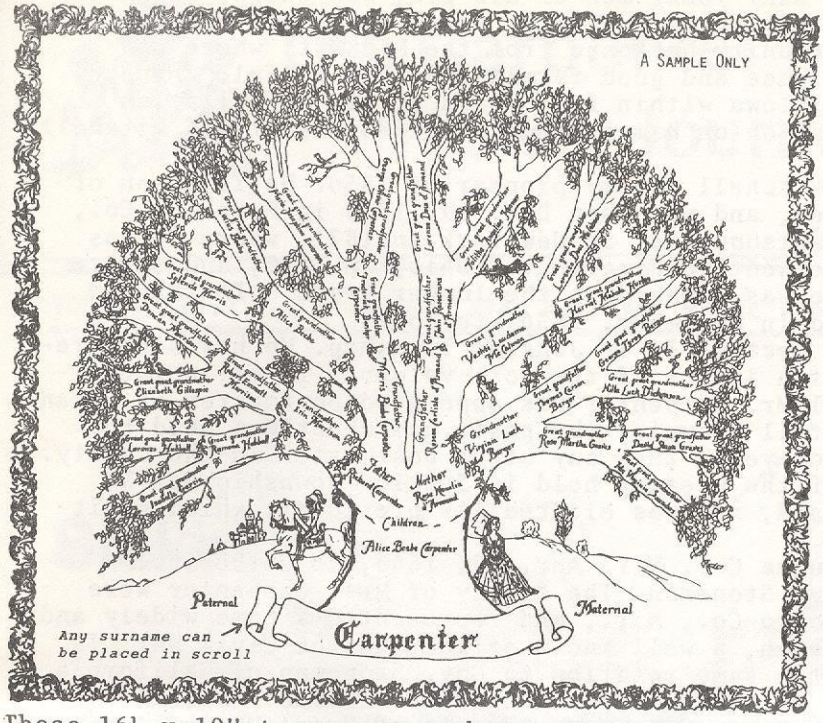


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## Iowa Pioneer Born in Vt., Reared in N.Y., Lived in Ohio, Ky. & Ill.

Chauncey Carpenter, like many young men of his era, was caught up in the westward movement of the early and mid-1800's. As the nation's frontier pushed ever westward, opportunity beckoned from the Midwest, where new towns sprung up at a rapid pace and good farmland was plentiful. Chauncey arrived in Mitchell County, Iowa within five years of its organization date. The following information on him is from the 1883 History of Mitchell Co.

Chauncey Carpenter is a Mitchell County pioneer of 1856. He is a son of Joel and Sophronia Carpenter, and was born Dec. 19, 1813 in Franklin Co., Vt. His parents went to Chautauqua Co. in New York in 1821, where he was brought up near Dunkirk. He went to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1842, and thence to Covington, Ky., where he was engaged in the lumber trade. In 1856 he went to Freeport, Ill., and in November, 1856, to Iowa.

He preempted the NE ¼ of section 34 in Jenkins Township. He has since resided on this property, which is one of the most valuable farms in the vicinity. In the fall of 1861 Mr. Carpenter was appointed postmaster of Doran by President Lincoln and still occupies the post; has doubtless held the position a greater number of years than any other postmaster in the county. He was presiding officer of the meeting held in Jenkins Township May 3, 1858 to choose a school board, and was elected its president, which position he held for many years.

He was married in Chautauqua Co., N.Y. Apr. 17, 1843, to Catherine, daughter of Richard and Mary Stoneman. The family of Mrs. Carpenter were among the pioneers of Chenango Co., N.Y., and represented a name widely and honorably known. Gen. Stoneman, a well known officer in the Civil War, is her nephew, and she bears the same relation to Gov. Stoneman of California. Following is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter's children: Willie C. lives in Marion, Dak.; Mary C. is Mrs. G.W. Goodell of Grand Meadows, Minn.; Charles H. resides in Minneapolis; Fred J. is a citizen of St. Paul; G. Frank lives in Livingston, Dak.; J. Belle, youngest daughter, resides at home; Richard J. died in infancy.

Mr. Carpenter is a Republican and an influential citizen.

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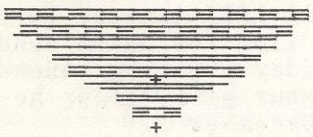

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